

IN THE CLAIMS

1-13. (Canceled).

14. (Newly Added) A method for use in code division multiple access (CDMA) radio network controller (RNC) having a medium access controller – controlling/shared (MAC-c/sh) entity comprising:

providing a flow control entity for the MAC-c/sh entity;

controlling a flow of data through a forward access common channel (FACH) by a plurality of sources by the flow control entity;

permitting each source a specified amount of data to buffer for transfer over the FACH; and

controlling the flow of the data for each source by the flow control entity in response to the specified amount and an associated priority of the data for that source.

15. (Newly Added) A code division multiple access (CDMA) radio network controller (RNC) comprising:

a medium access controller – controlling/shared (MAC-c/sh) entity having a flow control entity, the flow control entity controls a flow of data by a plurality of sources through a forward access common channel (FACH), each source

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has a specified amount of data that it is permitted to buffer for transfer over the FACH, the flow control entity controls the flow of the data for each source in response to the specified amount and an associated priority of the data for that source.